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## My Continuing Priority: Protect You and Your Family

These tough economic times are not new. We've weathered the storms before. With a little patience and some good ol' Yankee grit, we'll get through this one too. Right now I'm moving quickly in three areas to smooth out the bumps for you and add an extra degree of protection.



### Expanding the Lemon Law

When you're on a tight budget, sometimes a good used car is the best way to fill your transportation needs. But dealers usually sell much older cars as-is, with no warranty. And current law affords you little protection if the car is more than six years old or sells for less than \$3,000. You simply take your chances.

So I've proposed to extend Connecticut's Lemon Law to cover cars up to 15 years old, regardless of the selling price. For many of us, a used car may become a necessity. If you choose to go used, I aim to shield you from the high cost of unexpected repairs.

### Protection from Financial Predators

One thing we can always count on when times are tough is that the shysters and con artists will come out of the woodwork. Their latest scams involve debt adjustments and foreclosure rescues, preying on the good citizens of Connecticut who've found themselves between a financial rock and a hard place. Not on my watch.

And Attorney General Richard Blumenthal has joined me in calling on Congress to regulate tax refund anticipations loans, which charge excessively high interest rates and fees.

### Background Checks for Camp Counselors

Criminal background checks on prospective teachers and school bus drivers are required by Connecticut law. Surprisingly, no such screening is required of camp counselors. That's a loophole that needs to be closed now.

So I'm working with the Center for Youth Leadership at Brien McMahon High School in Norwalk to provide you that extra level of assurance. I've introduced legislation that requires the state Department of Public Health to conduct background checks on everyone looking to work for a state-licensed summer camp.